SAM B. COOK ON THE

men for this office, but of avoiding any step which would prove detrimental to the educational interests of the community. The public school system is the foundation of civilization, good citizenship, good government and public welfare, and public policy demands that it be forever divorced from politics. Having this in mind, and consulting the best interests of the city, he said, the party leaders had agreed to place upon the ticket the names of two Republicans and two Democrats. He reminded the delegates that the law provides for a bipartisan r nonpartisan School Hoard. The present board is composed of eight Republicans and four Democrats. The terms of four Republicans expire in April, and with the election of two Democrats and two Republicans the board would be strictly bipartisan, six Democrats and six Republicans. He said the party managers had every reason to believe that the Republicans would follow the example of the Democrats in this respect and name two Democrats on their ticket.

Mr. Harrison then submitted the names of Robert Moore, Christopher Johnson, Louis Fusz and Robert B. Dula. JOHN P. COLLINS WANTED ALL DEMOCRATS.

John P. Collins objected to the consideration of the names of Republicans by a
Democratic convention, and insisted that
there were Democrats of unimpeachable
integrity in the party who would serve in
the School Beard with absolute freedom
from partisanship in the administration
of its affairs. A few of the more hot-headed delegates, carried away by Collins's remarks, seconded his objections, and in the
face of this protest Mr. Harrison subsided face of this protest Mr. Harrison subsided temporarily, while the chairman asked for further nominations. E. A. Noonan, Jr., submitted the name of Alexander A. Sel-kirk. Collins presented the name of John Brady, and the Twenty-fourth Ward that

At this functure Mr. Harrison obtained At this juncture Mr. Harrison obtained recognition by the chair, and, in a dispassionate speech, made an earnest plea to the convention to carefully consider the step it was about to take. He counseled the delegates to separate the church and the school from politics, and begged them not to undo the previous good work of the convention by hasty and ill-advised action. Festus J. Wade and Nick Bell followed with stirring and vigorous speeches on the same lines. Both urged the delegates to rise above party where the public school system was involved, and prove to the world that Democracy is pledged to throw every safeguard about her educational interests.

recerts.

The cold facts thus elequently presented by these earnest speeches cooled the brains of the hot heads, and in a few moments when they came to their senses and realized what they were doing, they made haste to repair the damage. Collins withdrew the name of Brady, and the names of Selkirk and Cudmore were also withdrawn, having been presented without their consent. There being no further names than those presented by Mr. Harrison, they were unanimously nominated.

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CENTRAL COMMITTEEMEN.

The last business before the convention the selection of Central Committeemen made by the individual delegations, result

made by the individual delegations, resulted as follows:

First Ward, George Gunsollis; Second. Peter Walsh; Third, Jas P. Miles; Fourth, T. J. Flarnery; Fifth, Ike Conran; Sixth, E. E. Gulon; Seventh, Charles Bilhartz; Eighth, John Sartorius; Ninth, A. A. Busch; Tenth, Louis Kunz; Eleventh, M. J. McGee; Twelfth, George Friday; Thirteenth, W. J. Flynn; Fourteenth, John R. Butler; Fifteenth, Doctor H. W. Soper; Sixteenth, John J. Mantou; Seventeenth, Thomas H. Quinn; Eighteenth, T. J. Hallihan; Nineteenth, James L. Hancy; Twentieth, Jere McGrath; Twenty-first, Tobias Burke; Twenty-second William P. Lightholder; Twenty-third, J. J. Prendergast; Twenty-fourth, John P. Dolan; Twenty-fifth, B. P. Taaffe; Twenty-sixth, Phil Dwyer; Twenty-seventh, Pat Gill; Twenty-eighth, Thomas E. Mulvihill.

E. Mulvihiii.

A motion was adopted that all vacancies which may occur on the ticket before election be filled by the City Central Committee. The convention was then adjourned

CITY COMMITTEE OFFICERS. B. P. Taafe Re-elected Chairman -A. A. Busch Honored.

Barney P. Taafe of the Twenty-fifth ocratic City Central Committee and August A. Busch of the Ninth Ward was honored with the office of vice chairman at a meet-ing of the committee held last night in the ia Wells headquarters in the Carleton

Issae Conran of the Fifth Ward was re-elected secretary; John J. Manton, assist-ant secretary, and William J. Flynn, treas-urer. George Gunsollis was chosen ser-rentiate over

George Friday of the Twelfth Ward George Friday of the Twelfth Ward was selected for temporary chalrman of the meeting, and Isaac Conran was made temporary secretary. The following Committee on Revision of Rules was appointed: Thomas E. Mulvihill, Twenty-eighth Ward; Isaac Conran, Fifth Ward; John J. Manton, Sixteenth Ward.

The new members of the committee present ware: Park Walsh wice George P.

The new members of the committee present were: Peter Walsh, vice George R. Mappes, Second Ward; James P. Miles, vice J. M. Roache, Third Ward; Captain P. J. Carmedy, vice John P. Owens, Fourth Ward; Charles Bilhartz, vice Anton X. Rotty, Seventh Ward; Louis Kuntz, vice William H. Hughes, Tenth Ward; M. J. Magee, vice Robert M. Carter, Eleventh Ward; H. W. Soper, vice Nicholas M. Griffin, Fliftsenth Ward; Tobias Burke, vice John F. Hines, Twenty-first Ward; Doctor Jeff J. Prendergast, vice Robert Fox, Twenty-third Ward; Thomas E. Mulvihill, vice Ben F. Clarke, Twenty-eighth Ward.

The new members absent were: A. A. Busch, vice Charles A. Lemp, Ninth Ward; Jeremiah McGrath, vice Frank Ahearn, Twentieth Ward; P. F. Gill, vice John F. Lingner, Twenty-seventh Ward.

Twentieth Ward; P. F. Gill, vice John F. Lingner, Twenty-seventh Ward.
All of the former members of the committee who were reinstated were present. Several of the nominees for city offices called at the headquarters prior to the executive session of the committee. The headquarters in the Carleton building will be maintained until after election. The committee adjourned subject to the call of the

MRS. BOYCE'S HANDS BURNED. She Tried to Extinguish Fire in Her Residence.

airfax avenue, was severely burned on he hands vesterday evening while extinsing a fire in her house, caused by the ssion of a gasoline stove. Doctor Daus-of No. 4287 Cook avenue attended Mrs. and pronounced the burns not seri-

Mrs. Boyce was in the kitchen when the sasoline stove exploded, and when the fluid stated up she tried to smother the fluid stated up she tried to smother the flames, and in so doing was burned. An alarm of the was turned in and the blaze was extinculated shortly after the fire engines arrived. The damage to the household effects about \$125, and the house was damaged \$53.

99 Boarding Places

Advertised in To-Day's Republic.

WILL FIND NO INDICTMENTS. ardson Murder Investigation, It Is Said, Will Be Dropped.

Joseph, Mo., Feb. 12—It is stated here parently good authority that the Sah murder mystery is at an end, and the Grand Jury, now in semion, will diet any one for the killing of Frank rison, the millionaire merchant. Mrs. The moved here recently, after become over to the Grand Jury on a cot having guilty knowledge of the mer.



MAN AND WAGON HURLED THROUGH A BRICK WALL.

Dennis Haley Barely Escapes Death in Collision With a Switch Engine.

WOMAN ALSO INJURED.

By collision with a Missouri Pacific switch engine yesterday morning a wagon and its driver were buried through a 12-inch brick wall into the dwelling of Mrs. Charlotte Bremer, at First and Poplar streets. Dennts Haley, the driver, and Mrs. Bremer narrowly escaped death.

The heavy wagon struck the wall with The heavy wagon struck the wall with terrific force. The bricks gave way as if struck with a battering ram, and fell in every direction. The crash attracted many persons who were in the vicinity. When the dust cleared away Haley was found philoned under his wagon and a part of the wall, while Mrs. Bremer, who had been quietly sewing in her room, was lying beneath a window frame and was covered with broken glass, bricks and splintered with broken glass, bricks and splintered

boarding.

Haley was evidently seriously burt, since Haley was evidently seriously hurt, since he neither spoke nor moved, and the heavy mass of building material was bearing di-rectly upon him. Mrs. Bremer's case was less serious, though she probably owes her life to the window frame, one end of which had caught upon a sofa, so that she was par-tially protected from the rain of failing bricks.



DENNIS HALEY. Who was thrown through a brick wall by collision with an engine, yet lives.

to the dispensary or the hospital.

Haley is an employe of the Charter Oak
Stove and Range Company, and lives at No.
2600 North Eleventh street. He had delivered to the window frame, one end of which had caught upon a sofa, so that she was partially protected from the rain of falling bricks.

Willing hands helped extricate the unforturnate pair, and Haley was sent to the City Hospital, where it was found that his left thigh was twice broken and that he had sustained several ugly cuts about the face and body. Mrs. Bremer's injuries were

AT NEW CITY HALL.

Citizens Who Did Not Register John Meyer Receives Information Last Fall or Have Moved Recently Now May Be Enrolled.

Complete preparations have been made for the registration of citizens who desire to vote in the spring election. The actual work of recording the names has begun at the City Hall. The Election Commi are anxious that every one who is not now eligible to vote should learn as soon as cossible what is required of him and com-

The law requires that every citizen who is eligible to vote shall register anew every four years in order to formally establish his eligibility. Therefore every person who registered last autumn need not register again. However, those who falled to reg-ister prior to the presidential election must do so now, or else they will not be entitled to vote in the municipal election. Any peron who has changed his residence since last autumn is obliged to have his address

corrected in the registration book, as failure to do so will distranchise him.

The main office of the Board of Election Commissioners is in the new City Hall, in the west corridor, on the main floor. Removals and changes of addresses may be recorded and corrected there. The office is open daily from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, excepting until 5 o'clock in the afternoon as fail
office of the registration book, as fail
office of the Board of Election

Mimmesota that same year, Henry was left with a neighbor named George Schaefer.

Meyer returned to Pittsburg two years afterwards, but Schaefer had gone to Utica.

N. Y., and, through the influence of his wife, he did not make a search for his son, what was then 12 years old, A few years ago his second wife died, leaving him en-Saturdays, when it is open from 9 o'clock until noon. Registration in the main office

Registrations in precincts will take place on March 12. After that date the only opportunity to register or to change address will be by application to the board sitting as a court of appeals, on March 28, 29 and on March 13, 14 and 15,

The complete official calendar for the April election is as follows: Publication of April election is as follows: Publication of registration offices, March 2; close of registration in main office, March 2; close of registration in precincts, March 12; canvass by clerks, March 13, 14 and 15; meeting of Board of Revision, March 16; last day for filing nominations, March 18; return of registration books, March 18; registration in main office on appeals, March 26, 29 and 30; publication of bailot, March 26 and April 2; election day, April 2; canvass of returns, April 2.

IGNORE HANNA'S ADVICE.

Delaware Republican Legislators Turn Down the Ohio Boss.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.-A special from Dover, Del., to the Evening News says:
"There are no indications that the letter of Senator Hanns to the Republicans of the Delaware Legislature, directing shall be Mr. Addicks, will have any effect upon the senatorial situation here. While the regular Republicans are ready to elect two Senators, one of whom shall not be Mr. Addicks, they are not willing to consider any combination that includes Addicks for one of the two senatorships. And Mr. Addicks, with a majority of the Re-publican membership behind him, will not consider any proposition that involves his elimination. This is the situation, and it makes the deadlock inevitable, with every prospect that it will continue to the end of the session.

MARCONI'S LATEST SUCCESS.

Sends a Message 200 Miles by Wireless Telegraphy. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

London, Feb. 22.—(Copyright, 1901, by

Marconi is working quietly but unceasing-ly. He seems to be gaining success after

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His greatest feat yet achieved took place on the first day of King Edward's reign, when he sent a message by wireless telegraphy a distance of 200 miles.

It was only made public to-day in a rather unusual way by Doctor Fleming of University College, London, on returning from Liverpool, who said he nad Mr. Marcon's permission to mention the fact that on the first day of the new reign he accomplished the astonishing feat of sending wireless messages between St. Catherine's Point, the Isle of Wight, and the Lizard, in Cornwall, a distance of 200 miles.

Since then Mr. Marconi has established perfect communication without wires between these two points in both directions.

SURRENDER OF FILIPINOS.

Less Than a Hundred Reported to

Have Given Up. Manila, Feb. 12.—An insurgent Colonel, Simon Techon, seven insurgent officers and seventy men, with sixty guns, have surrendered unconditionally to Captain Cooles of the Thirty-fifth Regiment at San Miguel de Mayumo. In a fight at Sibuyan, Baiangas, the insurgent General Malbas, is reported to have been killed. Six Insurgent officers and twenty men were captured. Mariquina is the scene of an immense peace meeting of the Federal party.

The Women's Peace League met at Judge Taft's house to-day. Senorita Poblete attempted to introduce a resolution requesting the release of the imprisoned insurgents. Mrs. Taft and other ladies spoke on a resolution, urging the insurgents to surrender. This was adopted, instead of partia Poblete's motion. ila, Feb. 12.-An insurgent Co

MAY YET SEE HIS LONG-LOST SON.

From Emil Nelson of Little Rock, Ark., About His Boy.

John Jacob Meyer of No. 4115 Gratiot treet, who is looking for his long-lost son, Henry, his only living relative, may surrive to have his last wish gratified.

Chief of Police Campbell received a letter yesterday afternoon from Emil Nelson of No. 805 East Second street, Little Rock. Ark., stating that he had read in The Republic of the old man's search, and that he could furnish information which probably would lead to a reconciliation between father and son, who have not seen each other for twenty years. The father is old and feeble and wants to see his boy before he dies.

Twenty years ago the Meyers lived in Pittsburg, Pa. One night death visited the household and carried away Henry's mother. A year afterwards Meyer married again, but Henry could not get along with his step-

ne in the world. After her death tirely alone in the world. After her death he began a search for his son. Several letters, addressed to George Schaefer and Henry Meyer, Utica, N. Y., were returned, without being delivered. As a last resort Meyer called at the Four Courts on February 5 to invoke the aid of the police.

Nelson, in his letter, states that he knows Henry Meyer personally, has heard his story, and can give the father the information which probably will lead to a recontinuous description. tion which probably will lead to a recon-ciliation. Nelson says Henry Meyer told him he ran away from Pittsburg when he was 19 years old. Meyer says all that he desires now is a meeting with his son. If they should meet now they would not know each other. Henry was then only a youth of 10, and his father was in the forties.

MRS. DREXEL-BIDDLE TO MARRY Will Wed Millionaire Fernando

Yznaga When She Is Divorced. REPUBLIC SPECIAL New York, Feb. 12.-Mrs. Constance Drexel-Biddle confirmed a report that was cir-culated late to-night to the effect that she would marry Fernando Yznaga, the million-

aire banker and brother of the Downger Duchess of Manchester.

Mrs. Biddle is at present the wife of Doctor Clement Biddle of Philadelphia. She is stopping at the Hotel Farlington, in this city, and when asked to verify the report, and:

stopping at the Hotel Farlington, in this city, and when asked to verify the report, said:

"Yes, it is true that as soon as my husband. Doctor Clement Biddle, secures his decree of absolute divorce I will marry Mr. Fernando Yanaga, who is a brother of the Dowager Duchess of Manchester. It is also true that I will not defend my husband's divorce suit again. I will allow him to procure the decree by default.

"My friends believe that I ought to defend the action, but I don't agree with them, and Mr. Yanaga has consented to let me have my own way in the matter. You see, I don't wish to be dragged into court and asked a lot of disagreeable questions and see published a lot of testimony that, though unirue, would be exceedingly unpleasant to me, to say the least.

"Tm still very young. Why should I make the rest of my days unbearable by remaining Doctor Biddle's wife, when I can be free and marry the man I love—Mr. Yanaga—and who loves me, and with whom I can be happy?

"Whom does my husband name as corespondents? Two men, now dead—Charles F. Bates and George Work. I never was gullty of the slightest impropriety with them, and vice versa. My conscience is perfectly clear. Mr. Yanaga was divorced by Mabel Wright."

Mrs. Biddle cast a siur upon the men and women of the stage, by remarking: "True, my stage experience has been very brief for observing stage people, but I've seen enough of actors and actresses to convince me that I'm right in reticerating that there are no ladies and gentlemen on the stage. Brief as was my footlight career, I could write a story about it and about my observations in the mimic world that would create a seensation. And, oh, wouldn't like to do so! But I shall not, because such a story would make too many enemies for me."

Mrs. Biddle says that she will retire from the stage in a few weeks and shortly after her marriage, she and Mr. Yanaga will sail for Europe.

MRS. NATION THROWN OUT.

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Crusader Encounters Trouble at One Chicago Place.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Chicago, Ill., Feb. 12.—Carrie Nation has met her first defeat in Chicago. She arrived in the city at 8 o'clock to-night, and five hours later appeared at the First Regi-ment Armory, where the County Democ-racy was in progress, minus her hatchet, but with her fighting face, and demanded that the revelers cease patronising the bar, which at that hour was doing a rushing hushness.

which at that hour was doing a rusning business.

Mayor Harrison and other lights of Democracy were present when the Kansas whirfwind made her appearance on the scene. "Btop this right now," shouted Carrie, as, surrounded by her faithful cohorts, she moved toward the bar. "For shame, that Mayor Harrison should countenance such an orgy! God will demand a reckoning from every one here to-night."

Carrie's reckoning was immediate, for a big policeman laid a detaining hand on her shoulder and she was excerted with more haste than care to the door and uncerementously busiled est.

PASTOR KELLER SAYS STATE SCHOOL FUND.

He Suggests a Solution of the Question Which Is Said to Have Governor Dockery's Approval. Mrs. Barker.

FOR A PERMANENT ENDOWMENT LATTER TELLS OF INTERVIEW.

After State Debt Is Paid, He Would Make Investments in County or Municipal Bonds.

BY A STAF? CORRESPONDENT. Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 12.-Active steps have been taken here to obtain the passage of a constitutional amendment to make the present investment of the school fund permanent and to provide for the safe and remunerative investment of subsequent additions to the fund. Secretary of State Sam B. Cook voices as follows what is known to be the attitude of the administration on

"During the warmth of the heated parby party leaders that the school fund had been 'looted' and the assets used for meeting the ordinary expenses of the State government. Well-informed citizens of all parties knew then, as they know now, that there was no foundation for this charge, and that the worst that could be charged against the management of the school fund in this State during the last twentyfive years was that an obligation to bondholders had been changed into an equal ob-ligation to the schools of the State.

"In this change, as has been shown by Governor Dockery's recent message to the General Assembly, the strongest and best men of both parties co-operated, so that the question which now confronts us is not one of partism advantage or disadvantage, but the issue is one which solely concerns the welfare of our schools.

Future of the Fund.

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"Naturally there has been among the intelligent men of both purties an honest difference of opinion as to the best and most businessitie method to pursue in arranging for the future control of this fund. When the present system of issuing State certificates to the school fund and retiring an equal amount of State bonds was first inaugurated the State had a considerable indebtedness. The wisdom of converting the State's obligations to the bondholders into obligations to our schools was and is approved by an overwheiming majority of Missourians, irrespective of party.

"But conditions in the near future will have materially changed. In the course of a few years the entire bonded indebtedness of the State will have been wiped out. But for the contemplated appropriation for the World's Fair, an appropriation which has met with the approval of a large majority of the people of our State, this remnant of the State debt would have been wiped out during the next two years. At the longest, it can only last during Roverner, Deckernic the State debt would have been wiped out during the next two years. At the longest, it can only last during Governor Dockery's administration. When there are no longer any bonds to retire, certificates of indebtedness to the school fund cannot be issued under the plan first inaugurated for changing the indebtedness of our State to an obligation to the schools of our State. After the full pyament of the State debt the money which accumulaes to the credit of the which accumulaes to the credit of the school fund must either remain idle in the treasury, be distributed to the school dis-tricts or diverted to the revenue fund. Na-turally there are differences of opinion as to the best disposition to be made of these

moneys.
"It seems to me that the most business-like disposition to make of this fund after the extinguishment of the bonded debt would be to invest the accumulating funds scarcely 2 per cent, while equally as securities can be obtained in Missouri w pay double that rate.

"The ordinary accumulations of this fund are very slight. Much more so than the public generally understands. The differ-ence between the 5 per cent which the State public generally understands. The difference between the 5 per cent which the State would pay and the 4 or 6% per cent which the county or municipal bonds would pay is of small consequence. What seems to me would be a good husiness settlement of this question, and one which would meet with the approval of a large majority of the people, would be to make this accumulated school fund a permament endowment, the interest on which should annually go to the scpport of the schools of our State, and that to this annual accumulations should be added in the form of county or municipal bonds.

"After the payment of the few remaining State bonds the present tax of 10 cents on the \$1,000 valuation for the State Interest and indebtedness purposes can safely be reduced to not exceeding 3 cents, and there is no probability that the tax rate for State purposes will be a burden to the people.

"This and other questions affecting the welfare of the people can, of course, be settled in a constitutional convention. In the event a constitutional convention is not called, I am of the opinion that the plan as herein stated is the best for the solution of the school fund question."

KANSAS CITY MAY FESTIVAL

Cash Prizes Will Be Offered-One of \$500 Announced.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 12-St. Louis's Choral Society will be interested in a May festival which it has been decided shall be held in Convention Hall. The dates fixed on are Wednesday and Thursday, May 15 the auspices of the Convention Hall directory. A series of cash prizes is to be of-Complete details will not be ready to announce for a week or two, but the pro nounce for a week or two, but the pro-gramme for the opening night will consist of a first part made up of Carl Busch's last cantata. "The League of the Alps." Ros-sini's "Stabat Mater" will be the oratorio the second night. In this all the visiting choruses will join, making at least 1,500 voices in all.

In addition to the chorus, the Philhar-monic Orchestra, increased to seventy men, will take part. The chorus contests will take place Thursday afternoon.

99 Boarding Places Advertised in To-Day's Republic. IN THE COUNTY.

-P. W. Crawford, an attorney of Dubuque, In., wrote to the Marriage License Clerk at Clayton yesterday, asking if a itcense had been issued on November 23, 1865, to Christian Spoerl and Christine Baumann, and if they had been married by Justice of the Peace Levi Block. This was before the separation of the county and city, and the records are not accordingly in the License Clerk's possession. separation of the county and city, and the records are not accordingly in the License Clerk's possession.

—Bheriff Hencken departed last night for Fort Scott, Kas., with a requisition for Charles Kay, who is charged in a warrant with stealing a team of mules and a wagon from J. W. Johnson of Meramee Highlands. On his return he will stop at Kansas City to get John J. Yarnal, Jr., who is charged by Gerald De Hoag of Kirkwood with obtaining money under false pretenses. The warrant against Yarnal was issued by Justice Jacobi January 15, but he was not captured until yesterday, when he was taken into custody by the Kansas City authorities.

—The slander suit of Dena Baneus against her father, Louis Baneus was dismissed in the Clayton Circuit Court yesterday. The case was brought to Chyton on a change of venue from Warren County, Miss Baneus, who is 18 years old, sought to recover 18,000 from her father on account of alleged slanderous remarks he made about her. By the terms of the promise it is said that ahe received \$125, while both shared the costs.

HE IS INNOCENT.

He Discusses With a Brother Minister the Charges Made by

Sends Forgiveness to His Would Be Slayer and to the Woman Who Attacks His Character.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Feb. 12.-There has been n change in the condition of the Reverend John Keller, who was shot Sunday, February 2, by Thomas G. Barker, in Arlington, N. J. The Reverend Mr. Keller is still in a critical condition and it will be two days at least before his case takes any determinative turn.

One of to-day's visitors at the Sands House, in Beech street, Arlington, where the Reverend Mr. Keller is lying, was the Rev of Prayer of Newark. He had a long con versation with the wounded man. Later, in Newark, the Reverend Mr. Miller said his talk with Mr. Keller had made him absolutely certain of the minister's innocence of the charges made against him by Mrs. Barker to her husband.

Barker to her husband.

"Mr. Keller spoke freely to me of the shooting," said the Reverend Mr. Miller, "He declared positively that he did not see any one before the first shot was fired and that he could not see after it was fired. He only knows by what he has been told that Mr. Barker was his assailant. He said to me: "Why Mr. Barker should try to kill me I cannot understand, I never had any words with him, and our relations have always been friendly."

"When I spoke to him of the charges made by Mrs. Barker, Mr. Keller assured me in most solemn and impressive words

made by Mrs. Barker, Mr. Keller assured me in most solemn and impressive words and manner that they were baseless.

"I have not visited the Barkers within eighteen months or two years," he said to me, 'and, with two or three exceptions prior to that time, I have never been in their home alone with Mrs. Barker. Those exceptions were very brief visits and were when Mr. Barker himself left us alone for a few minutes."

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"Mr. Keller made most solemn declaration that his acquaintance with Mrs. Barker was absolutely blameless and asked that forgiveness be extended to both Mr. and Mrs. Barker for the false accusation made against him and for the physical suffering which they have brought upon him." County Prosecutor Erwin also visited Mr. Keller. Afterwards he had a photographer take a series of photographs of the neighborhood of the shooting. The photographer worked under the direction of John S. Van Winkle and Miss Mary Roone. The young woman now appears for the first time as a witness in the case. She is supposed to have seen Barker waiting at the end of the street for the Reverend Mr. Keller.

In the Hudson County jali, in Jersey City, Barker to-day received several visitors. One was the Reverend Mr. Hutchinson of Arlington.

TRYING TO IDENTIFY WRECK. Vessel Lost Thought to Be Brit-

ish Steamer Lucerne. St. John's, Newfoundland, Feb. 12-It is now feared that the steamer wrecked near Bacabeu, a small island northeast of the Avalon Peninsula, on the southeast coast of Newfoundland, is the British steamer Lucerne, Captain Reld, which salled from

Ardrossan January 21 for St. John's, Newfoundland, coal laden.

Besides her own crew of twenty-five men the Lucerne had on board seven members of the crew of the British brig Emulator of St. John's, recently abandoned in midocean, and two passengers.

The community is still speculating as to the identity of the steamer and a competent man has been sent to view the wreck near Perlican. He can decide whether it belongs to the Lucerne. If it does, it must be that she was a total loss and that all on board were drowned. If the wreckage is not from the Lucerne the vessel was probably a tramp bound from some American port.

READY FOR ORGAN CONCERT.

Protestant Orphan Society Completes Arrangements.

The regular monthly meeting of the St Louis Protestant Orphan Aid Society was held last night at the Imperial building. Tenth and Pine streets Ernest W. Moller

Tenth and Pine streets Ernest W. Moller presided and H. C. Kraleman acted as secretary. The following gentlemen were admitted to membership: A. Gundelach, Gustave Mullenschlager, John Bauman, Charles F. Busche, Herman C. Meinholtz, Henry Meinholtz, the Reverend H. Drees and William E. Hess.

The Arrangements Committee reported all plans completed for the organ concert and oratorio, "The Holy City," to be rendered by the choir of the Church of the Holy Communion, under the direction of A. G. Robyn, and to be given at the Odeon on February 14.

The concert programme to be given on this occasion includes instrumental and vocal music. Miss Jeannette MacClanahan, Miss Marietta Bagby, Miss Litella Webb, Miss Marietta Bagby, Mr. Joseph Buse and Mr. Lesile Frich are the soloists' cast for the "Holy City."

DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE DUKE. Manchester and Bride Pass Unnoticed at Kansas City.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 12,-Monday a noon the Zimmerman special car, carrying the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, was at the depot for four hours and their graces were on a shopping tour uptown without the populace knowing it. An attendant in a grocer's shop was the first to break the news. He observed as he sold the Duchess some celery and an eggplant and a haddock that they were strangers in the city. He was then making out his slip for the cashier's desk and talking to Mr. Zimmerman, who eventually liquidated the bill. "Yes," said Mr. Zimmerman, "we are simply passing through and thought we would buy some things and take a look at the city."

"Actors?" inquired the cierk.
"That," said Mr. Zimmerman, with a wave of his hand at his daughter, "Is the Duchess of Manchester, and that." pointing out his son-in-law, "is the Duke of Manchester."

The party came in from the Weet and continued the journey via the Wabash. at the depot for four hours and their grad

ANY WAY THEY PLEASE. Kwang Su Tells Boxer Leaders to

Commit Suicide.

Pekin. Feb. 12.—Prince Ching and Li-Hung Chang have received a long dispatch rom the court, which they have not dis-loced to the foreign envoys. It is under-tood to contain, in addition to the recent

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St. Louis Republican Club Sends a Warning Message to the City

REVIEWS PARTY'S SAD PLIGHT.

Central Committee.

Declares the Disgraceful City Administration Has Caused Reputable Men Not to Seek

Several members of the St. Louis Republican Club expressed their regrets, at the meeting of the club last night, that the present Republican city administration has so disgraced the Republican party that destrable men cannot be prevailed upon to come candidates for municipal offices on

"The office will, indeed, have to seek the man this time," said one of the speakers, "and it will be like seeking the proverbial needle in the haystack to find a man that will be a strong candidate, and at the same time be acceptable to the members of the

Republican machine. rank and file of the Republican party that the City Central Committee desires to force upon Republicans an undesirable candidate for Mayor, and, in order to make a success of their plan, would do away with a nominating convention, and, by the vote of 'Indians' and repeaters, nominate its candidates by a direct vote at the pri-

"These 'Indians' do not confine them-selves to their reservation on election days, and if the candidates of the Republican party were nominated by a direct vote the 'Indians' would wander to every precinct in the city and vote according to their in-

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Mr. Johnson, who read the report, said: "The matter is of vital importance to the party locally and the committee is of the opinion that the St. Louis Republican Club should carefully consider and emphatically express its views regarding the same."

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The argument set forth by the committee against the plan of the City Central Committee were that no valid reasons have been assigned for the change from the regular custom of nominating candidates in the convention, and that no valid reason exists at this time for deviating from the regular rule of procedure in the Republican party. Referring to the proposed change and to candidates, the report says: "The party locally has been discredited among its own members, as well as the public at large, by the unrepublican methods of persons who are connected with its management and control; so that at this time murs than ever before in the party's history locally, we need a convention representative of the whole party, and not of any faction, which can and will by a firm deciaration of party principles and by approving that which is right and condemning that which is wrong in its management, relieve the party from any and all embarrassment. In our opinion it will be impossible to accomplish this much desired result by any other means."

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"It is evident to our minds, from facts and circumstances very recently brought to our

circumstances very recently brought to our circumstances very recently brought to our attention, that the plan for nominating candidates by a direct vote at the primaries had been devised in the interests of a particular candidate for Mayor. Whether this be true or not, however, it emphasises the fact that an organised clique or faction of the party, having control of the patronage of the party in the city and the voting strength which that implies, could, by agreeing upon a list of candidates for the respective offices to be filled, readily secure the nomination of the same. This could be accomplished, particularly with respect to the nominee for Mayor, for no candidate could be voted for at a direct primaries, unless he announced his candidacy in time to have his name placed on the printed ballots to be used at the primaries, by filing with the Board of Election Commissioners a written certificate to the effect that he is a member of the Republican party. On the other hand, there is not at this time, nor is there likely to be, so far as we can learn, a single desirable Republican who can command the undivided respect and support of his party and who is willing or can be induced to thus announce himself as the party's candidate for Mayor. This is likewise true as of other offices to be filled. It follows, therefore, that the plan proposed cannot possibly result in the selection of the best candidates."

The club voted unantmously that the report and resolutions, declaring against the abolition of a nominating convention, be presented to the Republican City Central committee by the joint committee which drafted them.

OPPOSITION TO MRS. ROEBLING. D. A. R. Stirred Up About Her Diamonds and Gowns.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Society, and especially that part of it made up of the local Daughters of the American Revolution, is discussing the very interesting case of Mrs. Washington Roebling of New Jersey, a can-didate for the presidency of the D. A. R., who, it is said, by wearing a yard and a white sailn gown at a day reception at Albany, N. Y., provoked so much adverse comment that she can never be elected comment that she can never be elected president. The diamond incident particularly stirred up the Daughters, and it is declared that she has practically "hanged herself" by wearing the rope of gems.

The plume of president general of the D. A. R. is one coveted by nearly svery member of that organization, which will meet here on Thursday. The three most prominent candidates are: Mrs. Fairbanks, wife of Senator Fairbanks of Indians; Mrs. Donald McLean of New York and Mrs. Roebling of New Jersey.

Mrs. Roebling began her campaign a year ago. Last year when Mrs. Roebling attended the D. A. R. Congress here she wore a yard and a half of diamonds, which hung about her neck and held her gold lorgnette during the congress.

At the sight the women from the "Solid South" rose in a body, figuratively speaking. The "opposition," it is now said, will deteat Mrs. Roebling on the List instant, when the election will be held. The other cause of grievance attainst Mrs. Roebling is that she wore a satin gown at a day reception. That was in November last, when the Governor of New York received the Federation of Women's Cluba. esident. The diamond incident particu-

In the City.

DANCE FOR Y. M. H. A.-Members of the Young Men's Hebrew Association will give a dance at the home of the associa-tion, No. 2737 Locust street, to-night.

JOBST FBUERBORN'S WILL-Jobst H. Feuerborn, by his will filed for probate yesterday, left & each to his children, Emille, Emma, William, Edward, Herman and Henry, and the rest of his estate to his widow, Charlotte.

SMITH BOYS TO SEE PLAY-About 150 students of Smith Academy will attend in a body this afternoon the performance of "Richard Carvel," at the Olympic Theater. The party was organized to do honor to Winston Churchill, who was formerly a student at the academy.

BOTH ANKLES DISLOCATED—Mrs. M. A. Lawrence, a dressmaker, 34 years old, living at No. 905 North Thirteenth street, was run over by a buggy driven by two men yesterday at Tweifth street and Washington avenue. The conveyance passed over both ankles, dislocating them. She was taken to the City Hospital.

DEATH OF JAMES KEELY-James Keely, 5 years old, father of Acting Assistant Chief of Detectives John Keely, died last night at the family residence, No. 3016 Adams street, of heart failure. He had been ill for some time. The funeral will be held Thursday morning from St. Malachy's Church, Ewing and Clark avenues.

DROPPED DEAD IN STREET—Harry E. Morrill. 25 years old, of No. 1310 North Fifteenth street, dropped dead at 7 o'clock last night in front of a drug store at Fourteenth street and Washington avenue. Heart disease is supposed to have caused his death. The body was removed to the morrage.

EUREKA HUNTING CLUB—The meeting of the Eureka Hunting and Fishing Club, at No. 921 Chestnut street, last evening was well attended. T. S. Warnack, secretary, reports the membership growing fast. The Committee on Building has decided to begin work on March I. Everything will be in readiness for the early spring fishing.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER — George Bradshaw, charged with murder in the second degree, was acquitted in Judge Ferriss's court yesterday afternoon. Bradshaw was a St. Louis Transit Company culductor. He became involved in a fight with Michael O'Brien in the Easton avenue car barns on October 31, 1900, and shot him. At the trial yesterday he set up a plea of self-defense, proving that O'Brien was threatening him with a club when he shot.

INCORPORATED — The Drukker Nail Umbrella Company, capitalized at 38,000, filed articles of incorporation yesterday with Recorder of Deeds Hahn. The stock of 100 shares of 5100 each, lyvided as follows: Ernest E, Rorebauer, 39 shares; Joseph S. Drukker, 29; William F. Anheuser, 29; Edward A. Fritz, 39, and George C. Nail. 29. C. Stafford Building and Construction Company has a capital of 20,00, divided into 230 shares of 25 each. Half the stock is paid in. Cunnigham Stafford holds 2 shares, William F. Francis 2 and Ella M. Stafford 316.

DE MARS INQUEST—Deputy Coroner Boogher heid an inquest yesterday on the body of Mrs. Bertha De Mars, who died Monday morning at the City Hospital from a fracture of the skull. She was found unconscious at the foot of the back stairs leading down into the rear yard of herhome at No. 1800 Olive street Sunday morning. The inquiry did not reveal the manner in which she fell, whether it was accidental or whether she was thrown down the stairway. Paul De Mars, her husband, is still held by the police pending the action of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Johnson.

Appointed to Arkansas Assembly.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 12—Doctor A. R.
Bradley of Plummers was appointed representative for Conway County by Governor Davis to-day. He succeeds Ma.
Moody, who died yesterday.

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Vamoosed, Cleared Out and Quit.

"My first suspicion that coffee was slowly kining me came from reading in the newspaper the experience of a person suffering from the poison contained in coffee and how he had been relieved by leaving off coffee and taking Postum Food Coffee.

"I had, for a long time, suffered from papitation of the heart, indigestion, billousness and intense headaches and neuraigis.

"If I did leave off coffee for one hour beyond the usual time in the morning, I had the most excruciating headache for the rest of the day, but I made the change from coffee to Postum without the slignest inconvenience, by first having the Postum prepared with a little coffee mixed in it, then the next day a little less and the next day a little less and the next day a little less and the next day a little less than a month I was baving the Postum Simon Pure, and the cook got so she could make it so strong and delicious that I enjoyed my Postum better than I had ever enjoyed the old-fashioned coffee that had been undermining my health and rendering life a burden.

"One by one, and day by day, all the old symptoms disappeared. A feeling of tranquil strength and even temper replaced the former unnatural conditions. Sieep was complete and restful.

"The change was so complets and radical that I could not doubt the cause, which lay simply in the withdrawal of the poison, and the addition to my diet of a nourishing, health-giving, liquid food, Postum.

"I can give the names of many persons who have been benefited by the change from coffee to Postum, and am never tired of making converts.

"How many times we hear people complain of this and that obscure symptom of disease, and wonder what can be the matter with them. In nine cases out of ten it is due to nothing in the world but coffee poisoning. I am sure if all those who have alls of one kind or another, serious or trifling, would try the experiment that I did there would result an enormous aggregate of improvensent in health, and coffee would take its proper place among the other poisons."

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